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SUBJ:RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 THROUGH OCTOBER 14.

	OCT. 8	OCT. 9	OCT. 10	OCT. 11
BEGINNING STOCK	7,236.1	6,764.8	6,634.2	5,890.7
AIRLIFT	76.5	HOLIDAY	-	104.3
ROUTE 4	-	-	-	
MEKONG	-	-	-	
RECEIVED FROM RICE MILL	316.8	-	47.6	420.9

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TOTAL AVAILABLE	7,629.4	6,764.8	6,681.7	6,415.9

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LESS DISTRIBUTION	838.4	-	712.6	969.1
BALANCE	6,791.0	6,764.8	5.969.1	5,446.8
LESS ADJUSTMENT	26.2	130.7	78.4	83.2
BALANCE	6,764.8	6,634.2	5,890.7	5,363.6

	OCT. 12	OCT. 13	OCT. 14
BEGINNING STOCK	5,363.6	5,001.2	4,410.4
AIRLIFT	204.2	124.6	133.8
ROUTE 4	-	-	-
MEKONG	-	-	-
RECEIVED FROM RICE MILL	148.4	52.0	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	5,716.2	5,177.8	4,643.2
LESS DISTRIBUTION	667.5	654.0	-
BALANCE	5,048.7	4,523.8	4,643.2
LESS ADJUSTMENT	47.5	13.4	-
BALANCE	5,001.2	4,510.4	4,643.2

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB OCTOBER 14 THERE WERE 4,643.2 M/T OF RICE, BROKEN RICE,AND PADDY IN RIECE QUIVALENT IN PHNOM PENH PUBLIC WAREHOUSES. STOCKS WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE THRU THIS WEEK BUT BY OCTOBER 23 THERE SHOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT. BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 AND OCTOBER 23, PHNOM PENH EXPECTS TO RECEIVE APPROXI-MATELY 6,700 M/T BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

A) AIRLIFTS: BATTAMBANG 536 M/T
KOMPONG CHHNANG 640 M/T
SAIGON 192 M/T

B) MEKONG CONVOYS: GEN LOAN 3,600 M/T
THAI RICE 1,800 M/T
TOTAL 6,768 M/T

THE LATEST GVN LOAN OF 5,000 M/T WILL BE INSTRUCTMENTAL IN PULLING PHNOM PEH THROUGH THE IMMEDIATE RICE SHORTAGE. BEYOND OCTOBER 23, FURTHER IMPROVEMENT SHOULD OCCUR WITH DELIVERIES BY OCOTBER 31 OF THE BALANCE OF GVN LOAN (1,400 M/T), PLUS 8,400 M/T OF THAI RICE, AND A CONTINUING INPUT BY THE USAF'S AND AIR AMERICA'S AIRLIFTS.

3. DISTRIBUTION. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE DAILY DISTRIBU-TION HAS AVERAGED 548.8 M/T. FOR THE 10 DAY PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 14 THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 480 M/T. THE GKR RICE COMMITTEE IS ENDEAVOR-ING TO CUT THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION DOWN TO 400 M/T PER DAY FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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NOW TILL THE END OF THE MONTH. WE ARE PRESSING HARD ON THIS, BUT USING

REALISTIC PROJECTION OF 450 M/T A DAY, THE STOCK ON HAND AS OF COB OCTOBER 14 WOULD LAST 9.7 DAYS OR THOUGH OCTOBER 24. THE GKR'S RICE COMMITTEE'S MAIN PROBLEM AT PRESENT IS TO KEEP IN CHECK FANK'S DEMANDS FOR MORE RICE. ALTHOUGH FANK'S CURRENT DAILY QUOTA OF 150 M/T HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE JULY AND WAS APPARENTY SUF-FICIENT UNTIL NOW TO MEET FANK REQUIREMENTS, FANK IS NOW DEMANDING

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AN INCREASE FROM 150 TO 167 M/T PER DAY, PLUS A SPECIAL ALLOCATON
OF 400 M/T TO BUILD UP THE SECURITY STOCK OF OPERATIONAL TROOPS.
THE RICE COMMITTEE MUST ALSO RESIST DEMANDS FOR MORE RICE EMANATING
FROM OUTLYING PROVINCES AND REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS.

4. THAI RICE. SUBJECT TO MORE CANGES RESULTING FROM THE UNCERTAINTY
OF THE SITUATION IN BANGKOK, WE ARE NOW PROJECTING THE FOLLOWING
SHIPPING SCHEDULED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MONTH.

VESSEL	ETA BKK	M/T	ETA BKK	MEKONG KG-SOM	ETA CONVOY	P-PENH	M/T
WING PENG	10/15	1,800	10/16	-	SPECIAL	10/21	1,800
TACK TAI	10/17	3,400	10/19	10/20	SPECIAL	10/28	2,400
BONANZA	10/19	2,000	10/21	-	SPECIAL	10/28	2,000
ADRIANA	10/21	2,000	10/24	-	SPECIAL	10/31	2,000
HOA HENG	10/21	3,000	10/25	10/26	SPECIAL	10/31	2,000
		12,200					10/200

THE VESSELS TACK TAI AND HOA HENG WILL HAVE TO UNLOAD 1,000 M/T
EACH AT KOMPONG SOM IN ORDER TO NAVIGATE THE MEKONGM SELECTION OF
SPECIAL CONVOYS IS BASED ON ETA'S VUNG TAU AND IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE.

5. GVN LOAN. USAID/SAIGON HAS LINED UP 2 BARGES AND 2TUGS NOW
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TAN CHAU ON OCTOBER 18 AND 20 RESPECTIVELY,
EACH WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,800 M/T. ETA'S PHNOM PEMH ARE OCTOBER
19 AND 21 BY SPECIAL CONVOYS.

6. US AIRLIFTS.
A) BATTAMBANG/PHNOM PENH BY USAF C-130'S. FROM OCTOBER 2
THROUGHOCTOBER 14, A TOTAL OF 869.5 M/T WERE AIRLIFTED
FOR A DAILY AVERAGE OF 66.9 M/T AS OPPOSED TO A PROJECTED
AVERAGE OF 92.4 M/T PER DAY. ACCORDING TO MEDTC BAD
WEATHER IN BATTAMBANG HAS HANDICAPPED THE USAF'S PERFORMANCE.
B) KOMPONG CHHNANG/ PHNOM PENH BY AIR AMERICA. THIS AIRLIFT
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GOT UNDERWAY OCTOBER 12 AND HAS BEEN RUNNING AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	SORTIES	M/T
10/12	11	59.0
10/13	17	85.0
10/14	15	81.0
10/15	16	84.3

C) SAIGON/PHNOM PENH BY AIR AMERICA. THIS AIRLIFT IS RUN ONCE
A DAY ON THE FIRST FLIGHT OUT OF SAIGON TO KOMPONG CHHNANG
VIA PHNOM PENH. IT GOT UNDERWAY OCTOBER 15 AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	SORTIES	M/T
10/15	4	20.8
10/16	5	26.7

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